Becoming Neighbours

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Fridge Notes for Companions

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elebrating Canada Day



O Canada!

Our home and native land! True patriot love In all of us command. With glowing hearts we see thee rise. The true North strong

and free!



Celebrating, Connecting, Sharing a Meal

Sunday, July 02, 2023 12:00 Noon - 4:00 pm HIGH PARK

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION! Picnic Area 26 at entrance of High Park Blvd./Parkside Dr.

Food, music, fun and surprises. Please bring a chair/blanket/Frisbee.



PRAYER REQUESTS:

For †STELLA, mother of MARY BABIC, NDS, member of the Board of Directors and prayer partner with CHRISTINE.

For † JACQUES VERMEIREN, \Rightarrow former resident of Romero House.



For the wellbeing of JOAN STAFFORD, OSU and SHEILA EMBLEM.





In Solidarity We Celebrate With

REDEMPTORISTS SISTERS OF SERVICE Our Lady of Perpetual Help - June 27

MISSIONARIES SISTERS **OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD** - July 1



WE REMEMBER THERESA MOHER, SP

who died May. 18, 2023 was companion with Jeny and Olga.





MOMENTS TO SHARE

Highly Recommended

- o "A small step out of their 'bubbled life'?
 For these migrant workers in Ontario,
 'a hot meal and some support' feels
 like a game-changer"
- o "Church leaders need to step up and make politicians angry"
- "Multiple arrests made, 13 victims saved in human trafficking investigation: Peel police"
 - o "When Ontario said 'no.' Inside the only known case where the province defied
 Ottawa's request to house an immigration detainee in a max-security jail"
 - "'I respect myself too much to stay in Canada': Why so many new immigrants are leaving"
- o "India students facing Canada removal over fake documents get reprieve"
- o "<u>Human Trafficking Directly Linked To Forced</u>
 Migration, Say Panel Experts"

JUNE NATIONAL INDIGENOUS MONTH

Canadians are called to take
to heart the solemn
admission of both PM Justin
Trudeau and Pope Francis
that Indigenous --



First Nations, Métis and Inuit -suffered genocide in state and
church history. We are responsible
to learn history from their perspective,
to value peoples, the land, all creation,
and to commit ourselves to reconciliation.

Click here to learn more.



<u>Canada passes 40 million population</u> milestone amid immigration push"

"Canada's top court upholds 'Safe Third Country' refugee agreement"







This series will reflect on the lives of Thomas Merton, Dorothy Day and Henri Nouwen.

INTEGRAL ECOLOGY



Curriculum for young adults which weaves together the latest in climate science with insights from Catholic tradition to equip participants to be the faithful protagonists

of transformation the world so urgently needs, as Pope Francis described it.

Click here to access the FREE curriculum.

"Three Ways to Recharge in the Summertime"

By Vinita Hampton Wright <u>Click here</u> for the full resource.



(Shared by NOREEN ALLOSSERY-WALSH, OSU)

CONGRATULATIONS AND BLESSINGS

Congratulations to Jose who graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in English with honours from York University!

Family companions include Lorie Nunez, OLM, Jim Fleming, Jim Doyle, MJ Harris and David Warren, SFM.

Prayer partners: Ursula Witkowska, IBVM and Mary Carol Lemire, CSJ.





Congratulations to Alejandro who graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology with First Class Standing honours from Brock University!

Family companions include Marsha Contway and Patrick Sullivan.

Family prayer partner Flavie Beaudet, SCJ (A).

What is beautiful is that Johana, Jhon and Alejandro are the Becoming Neighbours prayer partners with Selene!

Accompanying Noreen-Allossery Walsh, OSU and Luis Lopez, SFM, both families were instrumental in the creation and facilitation of the BN Latina Women's Circle and the Latino Men's Group.

"IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO RAISE A CHILD!"

"FROM THE PROVERBIAL MOUNTAINTOP TO THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH IN AN INSTANT": TEN DAYS OF MIGRANT MINISTRY WITH SR. NORMA PIMENTEL

Ten days of recent ministry of Sr. Norma Pimentel,

MJ, CEO of Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley in Texas, highlight both the triumphs and the difficulties involved in ministry to migrants.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!

Norma will be with us in Toronto on Nov. 02-03.

"Welcoming the Stranger"
Reflection by RON ROLHEISER, OMI

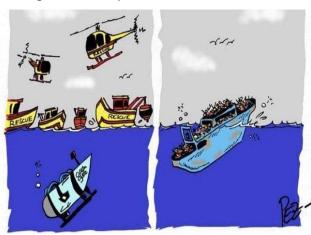
Sisters of St. Joseph Community Residence

Four thoughtfully designed residences to inspire your home in retirement The Globe and Mail



"Right now, we have 24-hour coverage.

And I understand it, of this submarine,
the submersible that tragically is right now lost
at the bottom of the sea. At the same time,
right here, just off the coast of Greece, we had
700 people dead – 700 migrants who were
apparently being smuggled into here. And it's
made news, but it's not dominating in the same
way. And in some ways, it's indicative of the
degree to which people's life chances have
grown so disparate." (BARACK OBAMA)



Shared by JOHANES YULIWAN MASLIM, SCJ

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF SIXTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING BECOMING NEIGHBOURS, a JOINT APOSTOLIC MINISTRY

Prayer, presentations, mingling together and celebrating our collaboration in responding to the unmet needs of refugees marked the Becoming Neighbours Sixteenth Annual General Meeting held Tues. June 06, 2023 at Loretto College in Toronto. As of April 18, 2023 there are now 304 newcomers matched with companions and 270 prayer partners matched with newcomers.

Panel Presentation

Luis Lopez, SFM, Alaa Fadel and Loly Rico joined us to share invaluable input on the motivating factors that drive people to leave their country of origin, on the blessings and burdens experienced to arrive in a new land and on the implications of the Safe Third Country Agreement.







MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (2023-2024):

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2023 MARGARET MYATT, CSJ RECOGNITION AWARD

ESMERALDA MARTINEZ DE GONZALEZ and LOIS ANNE BORDOWITZ, FCJ are the recipients of the 2023 Annual Margaret Myatt, CSJ Recognition Award.



